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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0185

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SUBJ: NAMIBIA - PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS TO SAG

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THE CAPE TOWN FIVE MET WITH PIK BOTHA LATE THIS AFTERNOON
AND GAVE HIM THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSALS. THE FIVE
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PREPARED THE FOLLOWING GROUP REPORT ON THE MEETING.
QUOTE 1. THE CAPE TOWN FIVE MET WITH BOTHA AND FOURIE
AT 5:45 P.M. LOCAL TIME AND HANDED HIM THE TEXT OF
THE PROPOSAL. AT THE SAME TIME WE ORALLY MADE THE
POINTS FURNISHED BY THE NEW YORK CONTACT GROUP.

2. AFTER READING QUICKLY THROUGH THE PROPOSALS,

BOTHA ASKED HIMSELF RHETORICALLY WHETHER HE COULD POSSIBLY GO TO NEW YORK ON THE BASIS OF THIS PAPER. HE POINTED OUT SEVERAL PROVISIONS IN THE PAPER WHICH HE REGARDED AS FUNDAMENTAL DEPARTURES FROM WHAT HE HAD DESCRIBED AS THE MINIMUM POSITION AT THE DECEMBER TALKS.

3. AT THIS POINT BOTHA WAS CALLED OUT OF THE ROOM TO VOTE AT THE END OF THE NO CONFIDENCE DEBATE. FOURIE IMMEDIATELY TOOK UP THE PRACTICAL QUESTION OF HOW TO HANDLE THE PRESS IN THE CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE THAT THE PROPOSALS WOULD BECOME PUBLIC IN A MATTER OF DAYS. WE EMPHASIZED THAT IN THEIR RESPONSE TO THE PRESS THEY SHOULD REFRAIN FROM ANY COMMENT WHICH APPEARED TO FORECLOSE DISCUSSION OF ANY OF THE ISSUES DISCUSSED IN THE PAPER. RESPONDING TO THIS ADVICE BUT EMPHASIZING THAT ONCE THE PROPOSALS BECAME KNOWN IN SWA/NAMIBIA THE SAG WOULD BE UNDER IMMEDIATE AND SEVERE ATTACK, BOTHA SAID THAT HE WOULD MERELY TELL THE PRESS THAT THE FIVE AMBASSADORS HAD PRESENTED A PAPER AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

4. WE HAVE SINCE HEARD THAT THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED TO PRESS BY FOURIE:

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INNER QUOTE: ON OUR SIDE WE HAVE ALREADY MADE OUR POSITION ON CERTAIN MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE OR OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO THE FIVE. IT IS ON THAT BASIS THAT WE ARE GOING TO NEW YORK, AND TO SEE IF, IN THE DISCUSSION, FIRST PRELIMINARY AND THEN AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO BRIDGE THE GAP. INNER UNQUOTE

5. WE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM BOTHA OF OUR PLANS TO TRAVEL TO SWA/NAMIBIA TO BRIEF KEY GROUPS ON SATURDAY. ASKED WHETHER WE WERE GOING TO PRESENT THE SAME PAPERS TO THESE GROUPS, WE INDICATED THAT WE WERE. UNQUOTE.
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